

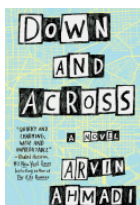
# REALISTIC FICTION Teen Reading List

\*First in a series



## YA Fiction ACEVEDO E THE POET X

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.



## YA Fiction AHMADI A DOWN AND ACROSS

An impromptu trip to a famous professor for advice about success, turns into a summer of freedom that brings answers in unexpected places.



## YA Fiction AHMED S LOVE, HATE & OTHER FILTERS

Maya is torn between worlds: her parents expectations of their Indian daughter, and her dreams of living and going to film school in New York City.



## YA Paperback ANDERSON L WINTERGIRLS

After her best friend Cassie dies in a competition to see who can be thinnest, Lia is left behind, and attempts to navigate her own hope and recovery.



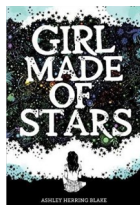
## YA Paperback ANDREWS J ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL

Attempting to live on the margins, Greg has never had real friends. That changes when he meets a girl who has leukemia.



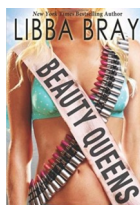
## YA Paperback ASHER J THIRTEEN REASONS WHY

Clay receives a series of cassette tapes made by Hannah, his classmate and crush, that contain the thirteen reasons why she committed suicide.



## YA Fiction BLAKE A GIRL MADE OF STARS

Mara and Owen are as close as twins can get, so when Mara's friend accuses Owen of rape, Mara doesn't know what to think.



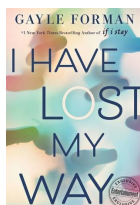
## YA Fiction BRAY L BEAUTY QUEENS

When a plane crash strands thirteen beauty queen contestants on a mysterious island, they must struggle to survive, get along, and unravel a diabolical plot.



## YA Fiction CHAO G AMERICAN PANDA

Mei, a Taiwanese-American teen whose parents want her to be a doctor, struggles with her disinterest in medicine, and her crush on a Japanese classmate.



## YA Fiction FORMAN G I HAVE LOST MY WAY

Freya, Harun, and Nathaniel all arrive in Central Park with secrets. They decide to confide in one another, and put the pieces of their pasts back together.



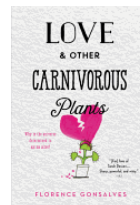
## YA Fiction FRANCE E ZEN AND GONE

Essa is responsible for her younger sister Puck, but when Puck goes missing, Essa must rely on her spiritual strength and boyfriend Oliver in order to find her.



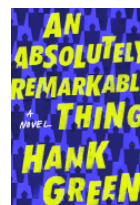
## YA Fiction GANSWORTH E GIVE ME SOME TRUTH

Carson dreams of forming a rock band and Maggi longs to create conceptual artwork, but tensions are rising between the reservation and surrounding communities.



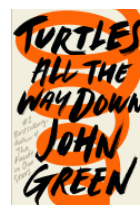
## YA Fiction GONSALVES F LOVE & OTHER CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

Danny returns home after her disastrous first semester of college, and struggles with first love, grief, identity, and self-destructive behavior.



## Science Fiction GREEN H AN ABSOLUTELY REMARKABLE THING

One night, April finds a ten-foot robot she dubs Carl. Carls are soon discovered around the world, and April finds herself at the center of a media spotlight.



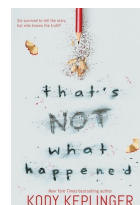
## YA Fiction GREEN J TURTLES ALL THE WAY DOWN

Aza is navigating daily life within an ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts, all while she and her friends search for a fugitive billionaire.



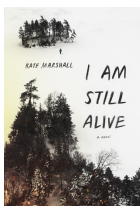
## YA Fiction HENRY K HERETICS ANONYMOUS

Michael, an atheist who just began attending a Catholic high school, finds friends and solace in a group of other outsiders.



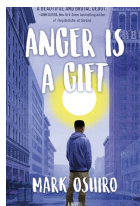
## YA Fiction KEPLINGER K THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED

Three years after a school shooting of her best friend, Leeann feels it's time to set the record straight about what did and didn't happen that day.



**YA Fiction MARSHALL K**  
**I AM STILL ALIVE**

Jess is forced to move to the woods with her father, before he perishes in the fire that burns their cabin down. Now on her own, Jess must survive in the wilderness.



**YA Fiction OSHIRO M**  
**ANGER IS A GIFT**

After his father's murder by a police officer six years ago, Moss has near crippling panic attacks. He and his friends decide to push back against the system.



**YA Fiction STONE T**  
**LITTLE DO WE KNOW**

Ex-best friends Hannah and Emory can't take back the hurtful things they've said. But when Emory's boyfriend gets in an accident, they must face one another.



**YA Fiction MARTIN M**  
**TO BE HONEST**

Savannah dreads living with her weight-obsessed mother, and dreams of going to college. To cope, her and her new classmate George learn to live in the moment.



**YA Fiction PAN E**  
**THE ASTONISHING COLOR OF AFTER**

After her mother's suicide, Leigh travels to Taiwan to stay with her grandparents, determined to find her mother, who she believes has turned into a bird.



**YA Fiction THOMAS A**  
**ON THE COME UP**

Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time, or at least, get her mixtape heard. But when money gets tight, she doesn't just want to make it, she has to.



**YA Fiction MATHER J**  
**LEARNING TO BREATHE**

Indy struggles to conceal that she is pregnant by rape. Turned away by relatives, she stumbles upon a yoga retreat, and learns what home really means.



**YA Fiction PENN F**  
**TWELVE STEPS TO NORMAL**

After a year away, Kira is returning to live with her alcoholic father. She wishes to rekindle friendships and get her life back on track by using her own 12-step program.



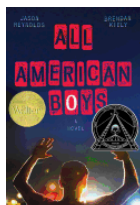
**YA Paperback VIZZINI N**  
**IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY**

Overwhelmed by the pressures of his life, Craig checks himself into a psychiatric hospital in order to confront the source of his depression and anxiety.



**YA Paperback MURPHY J**  
**DUMPLIN'\***

Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so she prepares to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.



**YA Paperback REYNOLDS J**  
**ALL AMERICAN BOYS**

While Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, his classmate Quinn witnesses the brutal beating at the hands of a police officer—a man he's known for years.



**YA Fiction WINFREY K**  
**THINGS JOLIE NEEDS TO DO BEFORE SHE BITES IT**

Before surgery to correct her underbite, Jolie embraces the idea of being seen and living life to the fullest.



**YA Fiction NIVEN J**  
**ALL THE BRIGHT PLACES**

When Theodore and Violet meet on the ledge of a bell tower, they strike up an unlikely friendship, and learn how they can heal and save one another.



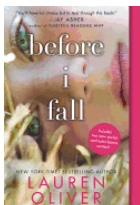
**YA Fiction SMETANA S**  
**THE MIDNIGHTS**

Susannah dreams of following in her rock star father's foot steps by writing the perfect song. But when tragedy strikes her family, her reality crumbles around her.



**YA Fiction WOODFOLK A**  
**THE BEAUTY THAT REMAINS**

Autumn, Shay, and Logan are all band-mates who collectively turn to music for support.



**YA Paperback OLIVER L**  
**BEFORE I FALL**

After she dies in a car crash, Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again, attempting to discover a way to change her fate and save herself.



**YA Fiction SMITH A**  
**THE LAST TO LET GO**

When Brooke's mother is arrested for killing her abusive husband, Brooke must pick up the pieces, reflect on a past that cannot be changed, and forge a new identity.



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